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SUDANESE UN MISSION CIRCULATED PRESS RELEASE TO ALL UN MISSIONS JUNE 27 ON REASONS FOR NUMAYRI'S DECISION TO COMMUTE SENTENCES OF KHARTOUM TERRORISTS. USUN DOES NOT RPT NOT PLAN CIRCULATE REPLY UNLESS DEPT INSTRUCTS OTHERWISE. TEXT OF SUDANESE RELEASE FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN ISSUED ON JUNE 24TH, 1974, THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL STATEMENT:

THE MAJOR COURT HAS TODAY PRONOUNCED ITS JUDGEMENT AGAINST THE ACCUSED IN THE CASE OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN EMBASSY'S INCIDENT IN KHARTOUM ON MARCH 1ST, 1973.

THE COURT FOUND ALL THE ACCUSED GUILTY AND SENTENCED THEM TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT. THE SENTENCE WAS LATER CONFIRMED BY THE SUPREME COURT WHO RECOMMENDED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THE PRESIDENT THE REMISSION OF SENTENCE FOR THE SPECIAL

CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE.

WITH A VIEW TO THOSE CONSIDERATIONS AND THE SUFFERING OF THE CONVICTED AND THAT OF THEIR FAMILIES AND RELATIVES CAUSED BY THE BARBARIC ISRAELI AGGRESSIONS WHICH RESULTED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF SOME HIGH RANKING PALESTINIAN LEADERS IN BEIRUT AND IN THE DEATH OF TENS OF INNOCENT CHILDREN AND WOMEN LIVING IN REFUGEE CAMPS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, AND THE ISRAELI PERSISTING PERSECUTION OF PALESTINIANS EVERYWHERE, AND IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN THE GENUINE EFFORTS RECENTLY MADE TO MAINTAIN PEACE IN THE REGION AND THE WORLD AT LARGE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN HAS DECIDED TO COMMUTE THE LIFE SENTENCE TO SEVEN YEARS OF IMPRISONMENT. THE CONVICTS HAVE ALREADY SPENT SIXTEEN MONTHS IN CUSTODY PENDING THEIR TRIAL.

THE EIGHT CONDEMNED PERSONS WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANISATION TO EXECUTE THE SENTENCE PASSED AGAINST THEM, BEING THAT ORGANISATION THE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN HOPES TO SEE SOON A NEW ERA THAT DOES NOT FORCE THE OPPRESSED TO RESORT TO VIOLENCE IN ORDER TO REGAIN THEIR RIGHTS. OBVIOUSLY THIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WORLD AT LARGE. UNQUOTE BENNETT

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